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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application of:)
Brett Haarala et al.) Group Art Unit: 3763
Application No.: 09/690,473) Examiner: M. Hayes
Filed: October 18, 2000)
For: GUIDEWIRE COMPATIBLE PORT)
AND METHOD FOR INSERTING)
SAME)

Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.194(b), Appellants request an oral hearing. This request is timely since it is made within two-months of the December 16, 2003 Examiner's Answer (February 16, 2004 was a Federal Holiday).

A check for the required fee of \$290.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(d) is enclosed.

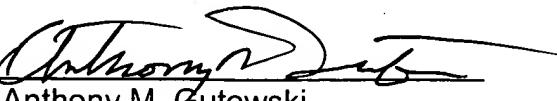
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